568 Worthington Ridge

1880

William Howard Webster (1852-1941), a farmer, & Cornelia Wells (1854-1925).

Italianate

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 176

1880 Webster current owner: Helen & Casimir Zaczkowski Italianate

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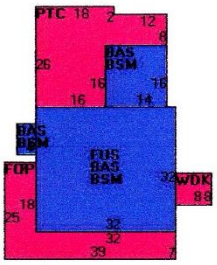
1880 current owner: Denise Morin & Sinisterra Otilia

Sketch



Genealogy

William Howard Webster (1852-1941) son of John Welles and Lydia Francis. In 1880 he married Cornelia Wells (1854-1925). They had children Arthur, Jonathan, Merton, Florence. He was a farmer. They are buried in Maple Cemetery.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
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Town No.:	Site No.:
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QUAD:	
DISTRICT ☐ S ☐ NR	IF NR, SPECIFY ☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common) | (Historic) Webster House

2. TOWN CITY: Berlin | VILLAGE: | COUNTY: Hartford

3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location): 568 Worthington Ridge | 10-4/83C/19

4. OWNER(S): Casimer D. & Zaczkowski, Helen M. " " Berlin 06037 ☐ Public ☒ Private

5. USE (Present): Residence | (Historic) Residence

6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ☒ Yes ☐ No | INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

DESCRIPTION

7. STYLE OF BUILDING: Italianate | DATE OF CONSTRUCTION: c. 1880

8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)
☒ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify) ____
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone
☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone
☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: ____ ☒ Cut stone Type: Brownstone foundation

9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon
☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel
☐ Other (Specify) ____

10. ROOF (Type)
☐ Gable ☒ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth
☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify) ____
(Material)
☐ Wood Shingle ☐ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street
☐ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☒ Other (Specify) not visible ☐ Ridge parallel to the street

11. NUMBER OF STORIES: 2 1/2 | APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS: 32' x 32' (main portion)

12. CONDITION (Structural) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated | (Exterior) ☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated

13. INTEGRITY (Location) ☒ On original site ☐ Moved | WHEN? | (Alterations) ☐ Yes ☒ No | IF YES, EXPLAIN

14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify)
☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden

15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☒ Residential ☐ Scattered buildings visible from site
☐ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☒ High building density

16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS
On northern end of Worthington Ridge, an area with a mixture of modern and Victorian houses.

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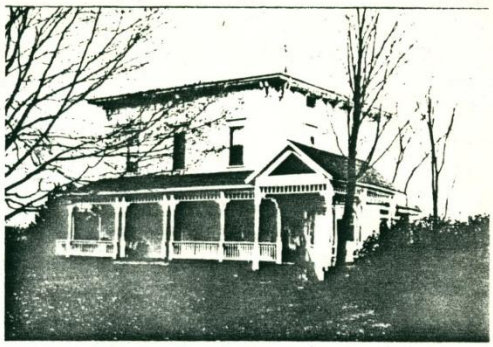
PHOTO		
PHOTOGRAPHER: HRC		DATE: 11/84
VIEW: SW	NEGATIVE ON FILE: F21	

COMPILED BY	
NAME: Historic Resource Consultants	DATE: 12/84
ORGANIZATION: The Colt Armory	
ADDRESS: 55 Van Dyke Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut 06106	

20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:



DESCRIPTION (Continued)

17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (Interior and/or exterior)

This house as a three-bay facade with a central entry. The heavy, paneled entry door is original. A one-story porch covers the entire facade, wraps around the left corner, and forms a gabled pavilion to the right. Porch detailing includes turned posts and balusters, a molded rail, small jigsawn post brackets, a spindled frieze, and truncated-sawtooth shingles in the pavilion peak. Windows have wide molded surrounds and are fitted with 2-over-2 sash. Second-floor windows on front and side elevations have molded hoods on very small jigsawn brackets above a frieze with applied wooden decorations in bar and circle motifs. The main roof cornice has a wide plain frieze with frieze-band windows on side elevations, large jigsawn brackets (paired at corners), and wide overhanging eaves. The right elevation has an additional entry in the front bay. At the rear of the left (continued)

SIGNIFICANCE

18 ARCHITECT | BUILDER

19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE

This house is significant as an elaborate and well-preserved example of the Italian Villa style. Based on the picturesque architecture of the Italian countryside, the Italian Villa style was one of a number of romantic revival styles current in the 19th century; it was most popular between 1850 and 1880. The Italian Villa style has two principal subtypes: houses such as this one based on a simple box-like plan, and larger asymmetrical dwellings with towers. Typical Italian Villa features present here include the square plan, the wide bracketed eaves, and the frieze-band windows. The ornate porch is more typical of the last years of the Victorian period; it may have been a replacement for an earlier porch.

This house was owned for many years by members of the Webster family, who controlled a number of large parcels in this part of Berlin. The size of their holdings makes the history of any small (continued)

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17. (continued):

elevation is a window with paneled base. Windows in the bay are segmental-arched with molded surrounds.

19. (continued):

portion of it difficult to trace.